



READING, M.S. AND 6TH YEAR ADMISSIONS INFORMATION AND CHECKLIST

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Program Prerequisites

- Bachelor's degree, or its equivalent, from a regionally accredited university or recognized international institution; a master's degree from a regionally accredited university is required for the 6th year program.
- Undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 2.67 or higher (A GPA of 3.0 or higher will likely be required per the Connecticut Department of Education at a later date that has yet to be determined).

Required Materials

- University of Bridgeport graduate application
- Program application
 - This application can be downloaded from the graduate admissions website.
- \$50 application fee (non-refundable)
 - Checks or money orders should be made payable to the University of Bridgeport.
- Passing Praxis I PPST scores or official waiver letter
 - Register for the Praxis I PPST at www.ets.org. Waiver information can be found at www.sde.ct.gov.
- Official transcripts from every school attended
 - International transcripts must include a course-by-course evaluation of all academic work from an accredited academic evaluating service.
- Two letters of recommendation
 - Letters need to come from employers or professional associates and must testify to your suitability as a prospective reading teacher and your potential for graduate study. Letters should be on letterhead with a current date and an ink signature.
- A copy of your Connecticut teaching certificate
- Proof of 30 months of teaching
 - Your employer should provide this proof on letterhead with a current date and an ink signature.
- Personal statement
 - In 350 words or more, detail the reasons you are interested in enrolling in the program, highlight relevant background experiences and address your overall professional goals in the profession. This statement must contain your ink signature.

Please contact Director of the Graduate Programs in Literacy and English Education, Dr. Patricia Mulcahy-Ernt, at 203-576-4201 or mulcahyp@bridgeport.edu to review the planned program of study and schedule your interview.

DEADLINES

Completed application and all supporting documents must be received by:

- **April 15 for priority consideration**, August 1 (final deadline) for the **FALL SEMESTER**
- **October 15 for priority consideration**, November 15 (final deadline) for the **SPRING SEMESTER**

Early applications are strongly encouraged as program space is limited.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send admissions materials to:

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